

CAMDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING 01/30/2013

Minutes of meeting held January 30, 2013, from around 7-8:30 PM

PRESENT:

members of the Camden Conservation Commission (herein the Commission): Doug Johnson, Robin Kern, Roger Rittmaster, Carla Ferguson (excused members: David Kern, Barbara Melchiskey)

The meeting, chaired by Doug Johnson, proceeded as follows (there was a review of the minutes of January 9th, which were approved, with slight changes):

New Business:

- Doug and Roger met with Brian Hodges. There were discussions about the process and procedures of meetings relating to the Riverwalk project (both public meetings and meetings of the various working groups contributing to this project). Doug and Roger will work with the working groups in a consulting capacity.
- The Commission will work on Chapters 5 and 6 of the Comprehensive Plan, as was requested by the Planning Board. To this end, it was felt that the following should be addressed and/or added:
 - a description of Tree City USA, to be written by Nancy Caudle-Johnson, of Tree City USA
 - a description of the heritage tree project grant that was just approved, to be written by Robin
 - Doug wondered if there should be included in the Comprehensive Plan a description of the group "Citizens for a Green Camden", which has been so effective in limiting pesticide use; members felt that there should be such a description; Carla will contact the group
 - Doug will contact Maine Farmland Trust so that there can be an up-to-date description of their preservation work in Camden
- there was a feeling that the Commission's natural land survey, completed in 2008, should be described; Roger will contact Marina Schaufler, who was so instrumental in producing the survey, and the Camden town planner who has a copy of the map that was produced; he will also contact the Coastal Mountain Land Trust in order to obtain some wording to describe their efforts at land conservation within Camden, and
- there is agreement that there should be an addition involving a discussion of invasive species.

Old Business:

- Robin, as treasurer, reported that the Commission's requested \$500 donation to Maine Farmland Trust from the Commission's Reserve Account has not yet been made; the request is following a procedure yet to be clearly understood by Robin despite wonderful help from personnel in the Town Office.
- Papers relating to the heritage tree project and requiring signatures were signed by town manager Pat Finnigan.

Finally, Doug read a letter from David Kern, in which David stated that his increased workload and expanded schedule this year have led to his decision to resign from the Commission.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 28th.

These minutes are submitted by Robin Kern, secretary, as an accurate representation of the major topics discussed and/or agreed at this meeting.